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STATE FOR ISN/RA (RICHARD NEPHEW)

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SUBJECT: LATVIA SUPPORTS PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO
SHARE EXPORT DENIAL INFORMATION REGARDING IRAN

REF: A. STATE 110813

1B. RIGA 418

Classified By: Charge D'Affaires Stuart M. Seldowitz for Reasons 1.4 (b
, d, and h).

¶1. (C) On August 14, PolEconOff delivered ref A points and draft letters to Girts Krumins, Deputy Head of Strategic Goods Export Control Division at the Latvian MFA. Krumins expressed Latvian support for the overall initiative to share nuclear-related export denial information on Iran at the IAEA and UN Iran Sanctions Committee.

¶2. (C) Per ref A instructions, PolEconOff stated that the USG would welcome any GOL willingness to have its government identified and/or representatives sign the ref A letters to IAEA Director General ElBaradei and Ambassador Verbeke at the Iran Sanctions Committee. Krumins responded that the GOL does not object to being identified as a state contributing to this initiative. He noted that the GOL has already shared this export denial information regarding Iran with EU member states. He added that the GOL would consider signing the ref A letters.

¶3. (C) On August 20, Pol/Econ Chief followed up with MFA Political Director Ilgvars Klava. Klava confirmed that the GOL would consider being openly identified as a state partaking in this initiative since it simply relayed factual information on export denials. Regarding signing the ref A letters, Klava indicated that the appropriate USG representatives in New York and Vienna should reach out directly to their Latvian counterparts in New York and Vienna to broach the idea and work through details, but was generally positive on the idea of Latvia signing the letters.
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